

## 3D METALFORGE TO COLLABORATE WITH AUSTRALIAN MISSILE CORPORATION

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2021:** 3D Metalforge (ASX: 3MF) (“3D Metalforge” or the “Company”), a global revenue generating Additive Manufacturing company, is pleased to announce that it has signed a non-binding letter of intent (“LOI”) with the Australian Missile Corporation Pty Ltd (AMC). By signing the LOI the Company has confirmed its interest in cooperating with AMC to help fulfil the Australian Government’s long-term vision of developing sovereign Australian defence industrial capabilities.

Joined by Australian defence industry partners, academia and government organisations, the AMC is a new collaboration platform, with the aim of establishing a sovereign guided missile manufacturing enterprise in Australia.

On 31 March 2021, the Australian Prime Minister announced the accelerated creation of a new Sovereign Guided Weapons Enterprise to support missile and guided weapons manufacturing. The Sovereign Guided Missile Enterprise is part of a \$270 billion Government spend over the next decade to strengthen Australia’s defence forces, including high-tech submarines, new fighter jets, hypersonic weapons, and advanced munitions.

The AMC is a wholly owned subsidiary of NIOA, the largest Australian-owned supplier of weapons and munitions to the Australian Defence Forces.

**Commenting on the collaboration, 3D Metalforge Managing Director, Matthew Waterhouse, said:**

*“We are extremely pleased to be contributing to an initiative with the Australian Missile Corporation in support of a future sovereign guided weapons enterprise, as additive manufacturing services are likely to become increasingly prevalent in the defence sector.”*

*3D Metalforge brings key capabilities in additive manufacturing with our unique business model of selling additive manufacturing services, and the collaboration ties back to our growth strategy as we expand our business operations within the Australian and New Zealand markets.”*

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This announcement has been approved for release by the Managing Director of 3D Metalforge Limited.

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## **ABOUT AMC**

The Australian Missile Corporation (AMC) is a subsidiary of NIOA, formed to facilitate collaboration between industry partners, academia, State Governments and Defence in response to the Australian Government's call to establish a sovereign guided weapons enterprise. The AMC will deliver sovereign manufacturing capability and enabling services to whatever guided weapon family is chosen by the Australian Government for domestic manufacture. It will be available for all guided weapons OEMs as a pre-positioned and ready Australian capability, growing its capability and expertise through a focused program of support and workshare.

<https://www.amc.com.au/>

## **ABOUT NOIA**

NIOA was founded in regional Queensland in 1973 and is the largest Australian-owned weapons and munitions Prime Contractor. Committed to the development of Australian sovereign capability, NIOA is investing \$130m in domestic munitions and explosives manufacturing over the next five years, including a \$60m artillery shell forging plant in Maryborough Queensland with joint-venture partner Rheinmetall Waffe Munitions, an upgrade of the Commonwealth's Government-owned Benalla munitions plant in Victoria and an \$11m expansion of its Brisbane warehouse and distribution facility.

<https://www.nioa.com.au/>

## **ABOUT 3D METALFORGE**

3D Metalforge (ASX: 3MF), founded in 2015, is a leading Additive Manufacturing (AM) company that supports a growing multinational industry-leading client base with their advanced proprietary 3D additive manufacturing systems. The Company offers a full range of in-house AM printing services from design and engineering, material advisory, diagnostics and testing, to printing and post-production certification to the latest industry and API standards. Its approach to industrial production, its proprietary processes and eco-friendly technology produce high-demand parts faster, better and more cost-effectively with less environmental impact and greater sustainability than conventional manufacturing.

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